



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 96-1204**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of American Airlines, Inc. filed 2/11/98 to:

**XX** Renew exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

**Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Boston, Massachusetts, and Paris, France. American requested that its authority be renewed for an indefinite duration. The Massachusetts Port Authority filed an answer in support of American's application.**

Applicant rep: Carl B. Nelson (202) 496-5647 DOT Analyst: Sylvia Moore (202) 366-6519

**DISPOSITION**

**XX** Granted in part

**XX** Balance dismissed (i.e., request for longer-term authority)

The above action was effective when taken: April 14, 1998, through April 14, 2000

Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**  
**Office of International Aviation**

**XX** The authority granted is consistent with the April 8, 1998 Memorandum of Consultations between the United States and France.<sup>1</sup>

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

**XX** Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity

**XX** Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)

**Special Conditions/Remarks:** The authority for which American requested renewal expired April 12, 1998, but had been kept in force pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR Part 377, pending action on its timely filed renewal application.

Consistent with our standard practice, we renewed American's exemption authority for a period of two years and dismissed its request for longer-term authority.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted or dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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<sup>1</sup> On April 8, 1998, the United States and France signed a Memorandum of Consultations (MOC) and initialed the text of a framework for a new Air Transport Agreement (Agreement). The MOC also provided that each Party would permit operations consistent with the new Agreement on the basis of comity and reciprocity, pending finalization of the Agreement.

*<http://dms.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>.*